

Application No. 09/956,972  
Reply to Notice of Allowance of March 9, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the previously disclosed references in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

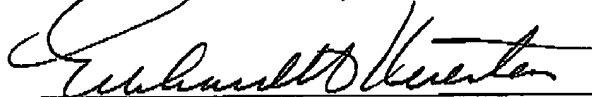
The Office Action of October 6, 2003 stated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 21, 2001 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) as failing to include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. However, Applicants respectfully submit that a Statement of Relevancy was included with the IDS submitted September 21, 2001, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the date stamped filing receipt. A copy of the previously submitted Statement of Relevancy is also included herewith.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 21, 2001 does comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), and respectfully request that the cited references be considered with respect to the present application.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance over all the cited references. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** Takayuki TSUKAMOTO, et al.

**SERIAL NO.:** New Application

**FILED:** Herewith

**FOR:** RECORDING APPARATUS FOR A HOLOGRAPHIC RECORDING MEDIUM

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (11-311936) on Form PTO-1449:**

A recording media has a similar rigid reflecting layer. This media will be used with an optical head disclosed in Japanese Patent Disclosures No. 11-311937 or No. 11-311938, for example.

**Reference AP (11-311937) on Form PTO-1449:**

An optical head has a similar apparatus to track the recording beam. There is a great resemblance in optical heads disclosed in Japanese Patent Disclosures No. 11-311937 and No. 11-311938.

**Reference AQ (11-311938) on Form PTO-1449:**

An optical head has a similar apparatus to track the recording beam.

**Reference AW on Form PTO-1449:**

This paper describes another way of tracking when a holographic image is read out.